

International Workers' Organizer

With Evo Morales government, his pacts with the Media Luna fascists and his electoral swindle, we have not got and will never get bread, land, jobs, or the true nationalization of our natural resources.

IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE WORKING CLASS TO BREAK ANY SUBORDINATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF EVO MORALES AND HIS ANTI-WORKER PACT WITH THE FASCISTS OF THE MEDIA LUNA!



WE NEED TO SET UP AGAIN THE ONLY TRUE REVOLUTIONARY ALLIANCE:

THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE WORKERS AND THE POOR PEASANTS THAT WE HAD CONQUERED IN OCTOBER 2003 AND MAY-JUNE 2005!

TO CONQUER A DECENT LIVING WAGE, JOBS FOR EVERYBODY, LAND FOR THE POOR PEASANTS, BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THE EXPLOITED MASSES, KEEP ALIVE THE WORKER GAINS AND SMASH THE MEDIA LUNA FASCISTS



Let's set up an emergency congress of rank and file delegates of the COB and workers-peasants militias as in 1952!

DOWN WITH THE CLASS COLLABORATIONIST BUREAUCRACY OF THE COB, ENEMY OF THE PULACAYO THESES!

FOR A REVOLUTIONARY, INTERNATIONALIST LEADERSHIP FOR THE COB!

The Government of Evo Morales wants to demonstrate to the murderous army officers' caste and to imperialism that he is still needed to prevent the Proletarian Revolution

This December the presidential and general elections will be held. These elections are a true farce, a fraud against the working class and the exploited. These are the elections that have emerged from the pact between Evo Morales and its MAS Party –an agent of the oil transnationals, the French Total and Spanish Repsol- with the fascists of the Media Luna –agents of the British Petroleum-BP- and the US Exxon. For this reason, legitimated by Morales' bourgeois constitution, some candidates as Reyes Villa (who was kicked off some time ago by his own constituency for being a murderer and a corrupt official, TN) and even the same Leopoldo Fernandez, the murderer of workers and poor peasants during the fascist mutiny in Pando, are eligible and go unpunished, presenting themselves as candidates. This pact, which is a reflection of the worldwide US-French imperialist agreement, supports the fascists and lets them occupy the eastern provinces of Bolivia and smash any resistance through the use of guns and batons against the proletariat and the poor masses. Meanwhile the government of Evo Morales, supported and covered by the class collaborationist policies of the leaderships of the COB and its affiliate organizations, controls, demoralizes and disorganizes the forces of the workers and the poor peasants; anything that escapes their control has to face repression from this government and its

"Bolivarian" revolution, as was the case with the Huanuni miners, the industrial workers of La Paz, the retirees, the miners of Himalaya more recently; and as on September 2 the miners of Santa Maria and former cooperativistas of Huanuni who were brutally repressed together with their wives, children and elders, with water-cannons and tear gasses when they were demanding the promised jobs they have been waiting for in vain for months.



The bourgeois elections of December have the exclusive aim of strengthening the bourgeoisie as a whole and of re-legitimizing the institutions of bourgeoisie dominance. The fascists of the Media Luna are newly legitimized, being allowed to disguise as "democrats" because they present their candidates and so are their fascist patrols that attack with fire and iron the proletarian and poor peasants, as is a daily picture in communities as Plan 3000 in Santa Cruz. On the other hand, the other agent of imperialism, the popular front government of Evo Morales makes a show to assure its masters that he can control the masses; he gives the masses the false and catastrophic illusion that voting for Morales and the MAS, fascism can be defeated, or that land for the peasants, hydrocarbons or good wages can be achieved. **What a lie! With Evo Morales the Bolivians have achieved neither the land for the**

poor peasant because the landowner oligarchy remains untouched; nor the hydrocarbons which remain in the hands of the same transnationals; not even a living wage which is each day undermined by the growing cost of living; or jobs, as on the contrary, the layoffs are increasingly extending to all corners of the country... We have not accomplished even one of the demands for which we have fought and died in the combats of 2003 and 2005, thanks to this government!

On the contrary, the government of Evo Morales came to prevent the victory of the proletarian revolution that we began in 2003-2005 which had the proletariat as the head of the exploited of the nation; with it at their head, the masses struggled to impose their demands. He came to demobilize and disorganize the working class, to divide the alliance between the workers and the poor peasants, to reconstruct the bourgeois institutions that the assault of the masses had left in shatters; he came to preserve the murderous army officers' caste covering them with an "indigenist" (native Indian) mantle, which favoured the fascists, letting them raise their heads in the Media Luna and remain as a potential threat held over the heads of the proletarians.

Backed by the international bourgeoisie and leaning on that fraud of the "Bolivarian revolution", the government of Morales could seal once again pacts and agreements with the fascists (sparing it from being smashed by the revolutionary methods of the proletariat); he played his role well of containing the proletariat and subjecting them to the bourgeoisie, as all his Bolivarian associates Chavez, Lula, Correa, the Kirchners and the Castros could do all over Latin America, all of them "Obama's fans", admirers of the new US butcher in chief.

The class collaborationist government of Evo Morales wants to demonstrate to imperialism and the transnationals that he is still a necessary agent to guarantee the property and the benefits of all the transnationals, no matter what power they belong to, because he is the one who controls the workers and poor peasant masses. He wants to demonstrate to the officers' caste of the Banzerist army, murderers of workers and poor peasants, that this is not a moment to unleash the fascist agent, but it is still necessary to continue allowing the popular front government to have the proletarians disorganized,

demoralized and defeated before the fascists can give their decisive blow, because a new fascist uprising at this moment would be premature and risk opening the possibility of a new eruption of the workers and the poor peasants, as shown during the fascist upheaval of September, 2008. This is what Evo Morales wants to show in the elections of December, and that's why he strengthens his policy of co-opting the proletariat through the class collaborationist leaderships of the COB AND its



organizations, which will present class collaborationist candidates on the MAS slates, giving the government "worker ministers", a policy that has had a bloody cost for the Bolivian proletariat throughout its history, with defeats and bloodletting as in the revolutions of 1952 and 1971.

This is the way the "democratic front" policy acts, with its "Bolivarian revolution". Its pacts with imperialism; in other words: these are the ways of the "Obama-mania": to demobilise the only really anti-imperialist forces, i.e., the fighting proletariat at the head of the poor peasants, to repress the left wing of the working class and to let Obama come in for recovering US "backyard". Thus this "black-faced Bush" has already launched a military coup in Honduras, imposed 7 military bases in Colombia and promoted an offensive that intensifies the plundering and the exploitation of our nations. On the other hand, French imperialism, although it maintains a transitory pact with the US highwaymen, does not want to lose the business deals conquered in the previous period and for that reason it sells state-of-the art armaments to Brazil –through its straw man, Lula- and backs

the Bolivarians in order to make its business prosper in the region. In Bolivia the main reserves of Lithium in the planet have been detected in the Uyuni Salt mine, a mineral which means a very precious natural resource for the new branches of capitalist production. As yesterday they did for the sake of exploiting rubber, minerals and hydrocarbons, the imperialists will not have the least scruple in massacring the proletariat in order to guarantee the plundering of the Lithium resources

In the heat of the imperialist economic world crisis, the huge contradictions of this decaying and bankrupt system, can only sharpen. We have before us in our continent historic convulsive events, confronting revolution and counterrevolution. The more the popular front and the farcical "Bolivarian Revolution" control the proletariat, the more imperialism will have the best conditions to smash the exploited.

For the moment, US imperialism has an interim pact with French imperialism; the latter places itself in the role of a junior player; this is reflected all over Latin America in the proliferation of counterrevolutionary pacts between the "Bolivarians" and US imperialism, as that between Chavez and Uribe that was imposed over the Colombian resistance; or that which today they try to impose in Honduras where Zelaya supports the coupists so that the masses cannot overthrow the pro-imperialist dictatorship with their revolutionary actions. This is the real significance of the UNASUR meeting in Argentina, where the "combative" Bolivarians did not reject the US military bases in Colombia, so covering Obama's SouthCom in the Continent. But this policy is being applied under continuous stress: the Latin American proletariat has not been definitively defeated. The Peruvian workers and poor peasants have still a lot to say, the same as the Chilean workers and students with their roadblock combats against "Bushelet". In Honduras, in spite of the military coup,

the masses have not yet been defeated and go on resisting.

The international conditions only serve to sharpen the conditions for decisive confrontations between revolution and counterrevolution; Bolivia concentrates all these decisive issues of the international class struggle. The proletariat still has a lot to say and do. The necessary task is that the working class defeats its class collaborationist leaderships, breaks any subordination to the bourgeoisie, centralises its ranks setting up a rank and file congress of the COB as well as their own organs of class independence and mass political struggle, smashes fascism with the workers and peasants militia and committees of rank and file soldiers and retakes the way of 2003-2005, this time advancing towards a victorious socialist

revolution; it is a task of life and death not only for the Bolivian proletariat but also for the Latin American working class.

THE CLASS COLLABORATIONIST LEADERSHIPS SUBMIT THE PROLETARIAT TO THE PACT BETWEEN EVO MORALES AND THE FASCISTS OF THE MEDIA LUNA AND PREPARE THE CONDITIONS FOR THE DEFEAT!

DOWN WITH THE ALLIANCE OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COB AND THE FSTMB WITH THE MAS!

In the Huanuni miners assembly on August 14, only combined forces of the leadership of the miners' union, supported by the speeches of the leaders of the Miners Federation and the COD of Oruro, headed by Solares, together with other leaders, could make the miners vote for a political alliance with the MAS and the government for the December elections; The argument raised by the leaders was that with this



President Evo Morales with the leaders of the COB

alliance the miners could obtain hierarchical posts in the government from where they would be able to pass laws in favour of the miners, obtain more benefits for Huanuni, etc; the most "moderate" bureaucrats as Zubia (former leader of the FSTMB) posited that the guarantee is that this is an "organic" alliance of the government with "all the miners as a whole", so that those miner candidates from the union that enter the slates of the MAS "should be controlled by the rank and file assemblies and must give account of their acts there". **This is a very dangerous farce staged by the Huanuni miners' union bureaucracy and the leadership of the FSTMB!**

Any supposed "worker minister" that wanted to represent the historic interests of the proletariat from the seats of the government should posit: Sliding scale of wages and working hours! Jobs for all, now! Decent wages! The Money to conquer these demands exists, the transnationals have it. Out with the transnationals! Nationalization without compensation and under workers control of the hydrocarbons, the mines and all the natural resources! Land for the peasants, expropriation of all the landowners! Any "worker minister" with a minimum of class consciousness should posit these basic questions that have their roots in the Pulacayo Theses. But the government of Evo Morales is a declared enemy of every single one of these demands of the revolutionary proletariat. It has shown its character by repressing each one of our struggles for even our most modest demands, murdering the same Huanuni miners in Caihuasi in 2008 when they were fighting for a law to retire at an earlier age with a decent retirement pay; It shows it today repressing with savage brutality the miners that go to the streets to demand jobs as those of Himalaya and Santa Maria.

These class collaborationist leaders want to make us believe that through laws of the bourgeois parliament we will achieve graciously what we could not take from the claws of the bourgeoisie with rough clashes, confronting its murderous army with strikes and mobilizations, that is, with the methods of the working class. The "worker minister" that dared to raise our demands in that den of bandits of the bourgeois parliament would be expelled from the government, or even jailed as a terrorist.

It is crystal clear that this is a policy to submit the proletariat to the bourgeoisie, to the government of Evo Morales. The Pulacayo Theses say: "*The worker ministers do not change the nature of the bourgeois governments. While the state defends the capitalist society, the "worker" ministers turn to be vulgar pimps for the sake of the bourgeoisie. The worker that has the weakness of changing his place of struggle in the revolutionary ranks for a bourgeois ministerial portfolio goes to the ranks of the traitors.* (Our bolds). *The bourgeoisie invents the "worker" ministers in order to better and more easily deceive the workers, to get that the exploited abandon their own methods to fight and surrender themselves in body and soul to the patronage of the "worker" minister. (...) The FSTMB will never take part in bourgeois governments, because that would signify the most open and frank betrayal to the exploiters and forgetting that our line is the revolutionary line of the class struggle.* (Bolds in the original text).

It is Morales' government which imposes the layoffs, the wage cuts, or arbitrary wage rises to divide the workers, which imposes skyrocketing inflation and guarantees the continuity of the plundering by the transnationals. How would the workers be able to fight for the wage and the jobs, if we subordinate ourselves to this government, renouncing our demands and our own methods to fight for conquering them?

Morales cannot concretize any of the demands of the masses because to accomplish them completely it is necessary to attack the property and the dominance of imperialism. Evo cannot do this as the indigenous bourgeoisie that he represents, is entangled with the imperialists in thousands of business deals as a junior partner. Under the present conditions, in order to oblige the capitalists to make real concessions, it is necessary to *break their will*, which is not possible without a revolutionary, offensive fight like that of 2003 and 2005. The interests of the miners, the industrial workers, and the entire working class are conquered and defended only through revolutionary struggle, recouping our fighting organizations as the COB and the FSTMB that now lie at the feet of Morales, in order to retake the road we were walking in 2003-2005; the bureaucratic leaderships are enemies of this strategy.

**THE CLASS COLLABORATIONIST
BUREAUCRATS SHOUT: "WE HAVE
ACHIEVED NOTHING WITH THE
PULACAYO THESES!"**

**WE, THE TROTSKYISTS OF THE LTI
AFFIRM: WITH THE CONCILIATOR
LEADERSHIPS, DEMOLISHERS OF THE
CLASS INDEPENDENCE, WE WILL ONLY
ACHIEVE DEFEATS**

Contrary to what the leaders affirmed through radio interviews and on the miners' TV channel in Huanuni (that the vote was unanimous), there was a majority that voted for the leaders' motion, but there was also a sector that stayed firm on the defence of the Pulacayo Theses to oppose this class collaborationist policy. *"Some leaders were against. But this political alliance with the MAS goes in favour of Huanuni's population. There are some "Trotskyists" that are against it. They say ALL OR NOTHING, and we have always been left with NOTHING. They neither eat nor let us eat."* That was what one of the leaders said in the interview.

We Trotskyists of the LTI side with that fraction of the mine workers that opposes this nefarious policy of class collaboration and asserted in the assembly their position of defending the political independence of the proletariat. Together with them we affirm that thanks to the policy of Montes and Co. of giving a complete political support to the Morales government -as they have been doing time and again, putting the proletariat and its glorious fighting organizations as the COB at the feet of Morales and his anti-worker pacts with the fascist Media Luna -the Bolivian miners and the rest of the Bolivian working class as a whole are much worse off than before, with half of the country now in the hands of the fascist gangs of the Media Luna that massacred our brothers and sisters the poor peasants and still

terrorize the workers and poor peasants of those regions under their rule.

On the contrary, it was we the miners who fought at the roadblockades of 2003 and 2005, in an independent struggle, with our own methods of fighting and organization, under a revolutionary program alongside our brothers and sisters, workers and poor peasants of El Alto with the battlecry "Neither 30 nor 50%: Nationalization!" against Evo Morales who raised the same banner as then president Carlos Mesa, "50%" (of the hydrocarbons royalties for the government, TN). WE were the ones who suffered more than 100 martyrs in the combats against the governments of the cruceña oligarchy, confronting the Banzerist army, murderer of the workers, and we were the ones who made the governments of (former presidents) Goni and Mesa fall and made the entire international bourgeoisie shiver.

It is we the miners who have fought and conquered the nationalization of the Huanuni Mineworks, against the leaders who supported that the private company remained. Neither Evo, nor any agreement with any government whatever it could be, has achieved these gains. We, the miners began in 2007 the blockades that closed all the highways to get



more jobs in the mine, confronting this repressive government and its murderous army officers' caste. We the rank and file miners were who defended together with our companions (wives, sisters, mothers, daughters) of the Housewives' Committee the self defense of Mount Possokoni against the thousands of "cooperativistas" (self-employed miners) sent by the exploiter bosses, Morales government and his minister Villarroel to attack us, and we prevailed and conquered more than 4000 new jobs.

This is the way we conquered jobs for all in Huanuni! Fighting for the nationalization of the entire mining industry without compensation and under workers control, for the nationalization of

the hydrocarbons and for all the demands of our class; putting into question “their” whole property. And this is so because the social reforms and minimum demands we have conquered are only the by-products of our revolutionary struggle. The bourgeoisie only feels obliged to *cede something* to the workers when it risks losing *everything*. In the present conditions of acute world economic crisis, there are only two ways out: either them, attacking our wages, imposing on us more inflation, joblessness, robbing from us even our precarious health and educational services; or us, recouping our fighting organizations from the hands of Montes and Co., for a political mass struggle , breaking with Morales, attacking the property and the business of the capitalists as a whole, fighting for our demands in the streets, and for keeping what we have just gained... that is, retaking our road to revolution!

This class collaborationist government has given us only bullets and squalor. The blood that was spilt by our brother miners in Cai-hua-si is still warm in the memory of the rank and file miners... and the bureaucrats call us to support this government that killed them!

Today we have “nothing” because the alliance between the workers and the poor peasants has been broken. It was a true revolutionary alliance sealed in the street combats against the bourgeois exploiters. If anything, **we have “nothing” today because we did not seize the power in October 2003 and then again in May-June 2005.** And that is not the responsibility of the miners, of the industrial workers, of the workers of El Alto, because all of us defended ferociously our working class organizations and the political independence of the proletariat, as expressed in the Pulacayo Theses. Those responsible for the setback have name and surname: they are Solares, Quispe, Patana and the POR who refused to comply with the resolutions of the COR El alto on June 8, 2005, resolutions that called to set up the National Popular and Aboriginal Assembly and its armed workers’ militia to conquer a worker and peasant government. They are all the forces internationally centralized in the World Social Forum, the Castroites, the renegades to Trotskyism centralized from Brazil, who prevented the victory of the Bolivian revolution and put a siege on it, submitting the Latin American proletariat to their own native bourgeoisies, country by country, with their “Bolivarian revolution”. Thanks to this class collaborationist policy that they displayed on the continent, the leadership of the COB, then headed by Solares,

allowed the Morales government to hijack the revolution.

We have “nothing” because, after the nefarious role that Solares played, the bourgeoisie took in hand an even more class collaborationist leadership, that of Montes, to submit openly the COB to the Morales government and his CO-NAL-CAM, becoming the main support of Evo. And now the incorporation of our workers organizations into the apparatus of the state is taking a new, higher step with the leadership of Huanuni union sealing a political alliance with the MAS in the elections, which entails an alliance with the bourgeoisie, that is, with our class enemy!

Very expensive it was for the working class and the miners’ vanguard this policy of subordinating the proletariat to the bourgeoisie; **we have to speak loud and clear and tell the working class THE TRUTH! With the worker ministers in the government of Paz Estenssoro we did not achieve anything (save for the bombing of Catavi and Siglo XX mines with the miners still inside them and this sealed the fate of the ’52 revolution, TN); with the subordination of the workers and the Popular Assembly of ’71 to Torres’ government what came was not the victory of revolution but the counterrevolution of the Banzers and the Barrientos that drowned the working class in a sea of blood.**

LIKE THE MINERS OF HUANUNI AND THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF LA PAZ did YESTERDAY, TODAY WE HAVE TO FIGHT FOR: OUT WITH ALL THE CLASS COLLABORATIONIST LEADERS FROM THE WORKERS ORGANIZATIONS!

As the Pulacayo Theses says, with a complete validity for today’s events: **“Every attempt to collaborate with our executioners, every attempt to concede to the class enemy in our struggle, amounts to selling off the workers to the bourgeoisie. Class collaboration means renouncing our objectives. All the worker’s gains, even the humblest of them, has been conquered after cruel struggles against the capitalist system** (our bolds). **We cannot even think of an agreement with the exploiters and oppressors because the problem of the transitory demands we subordinate to the proletarian revolution!”**

In July 2008, after the repression in Cai-hua-si, the miners, unanimously, and to the cry of “Cowardly

traitors!" voted to kick off the entire leadership of the union and also the leadership of Montes, Solares and Midma, and if that bureaucracy was not effectively thrown down, it was only thanks to vile bureaucratic manoeuvres, as that of convening a extended plenum in La Paz –as far from the miners as they could- to be ratified by other bureaucrats, passing over the decision of the rank and file miners. Today they can impose this political class collaborationist agreement because before that the leadership of the COB, COD, COR, El Alto, had gathered their forces, with all their strength, to defuse the rebellion of the industrial workers of La Paz, that had violently kicked off their corrupt leaders, recouping their industrial workers Federation early in 2009; the treacherous leaderships put all their efforts to prevent this little spark from setting on fire the entire working class, preventing the setting up a true congress of rank and file delegates of the COB that could vote unanimously to expel the class collaborationist leaders and retake the course of 2003-2005.

The treacherous leaderships succeeded in preventing this possibility through the naming of a new bureaucratic leadership for the industrial workers

that now supports the "industrial worker" minister Chipana inside the Morales cabinet, and today the industrial workers are paying for this "gift" with hundreds of layoffs in many factories throughout the country, while the "national" bosses make business deals with the Bolivian bourgeoisie of Chavez, signing export agreements for the bosses of Bolivia and Venezuela to fill up their pockets at the expense of our muscles and nerves.

The leadership of the teachers' union in La Paz –within which is Vilma Plata, a well known leader of the POR - also played its role, dividing the workers ranks, separating the combative teachers from the industrial workers that were fighting for the same demands at the same time, in a moment that the hatred against the stalinist leadership of the Teachers'

Confederation was mounting; on the other hand, they also kept the combative students of the Universidad Mayor de San Andres (UMSA) separated from the rest of the fighters.

Enough is enough!! The workers of the CBN (Cer-ve-ce-ría Na-cio-nal Bo-li-via-na-Bolivian National Brewery) have resumed their fight for the registration as permanent workers of all the outsourced workers; this is the way we have to go: to fight again for our own class interests, our most cherished demands.

The leadership of the FSTMB has also implemented this class collaborationist policy to place the miner proletarians as a whole and its Federation at the feet of Morales and its government: it has put a motion to be voted in its national extended plenum in Potosí for the same alliance with the

government for the December elections. This was achieved because they first succeeded in dividing the workers ranks and their combats, keeping on one side the super exploited miners of the cooperatives who were laid off and left homeless in the streets with their families because their workplaces were being closed. Meanwhile a fight began against the

bosses of the private mines which tried to impose longer working hours, they were kept separated from the miners in Huanuni. Today, while the Federation puts this policy to vote, the miners of Himalaya are starving with their families, fighting alone, while the former cooperativistas of Huanuni have begun to fight for more jobs; they are repressed by the government, soaking them and their children in tear gas. These are the results of this class collaborationist policy of the Monteses, Midmas and Co. However and in spite of the class collaborationist leaderships, there has emerged a sector of two mines, among them the miners of Mount Bolívar that have opposed this policy and together with the vanguard miners of Huanuni are defending the validity of the Pulacayo theses.



As very correctly our Pulacayo Theses state: **Out with the worker ministers from the bourgeois government of the MAS! Merciless war against capitalism! Merciless war against reformism and class collaborationism!**

IT IS NECESSARY TO BREAK NOW WITH MORALES GOVERNMENT! EMERGENCY CONGRESS NOW OF THE COB, COD, COR AND ALL THE WORKER ORGANIZATIONS WITH MANDATED RANK AND FILE DELEGATES!

The policy of the class collaborationist leaderships of the proletariat, subordinating the working class to the Morales government, tries to suppress the most cherished demands of the exploited that reacted in the face of miserable conditions of overexploitation and hunger. The Pulacayo Theses posit that the policy of popular fronts is meant to suppress the class struggle and this is what the leadership of the COB intends. That's why these leaderships leave isolated and divide the struggles of the workers from one another so that they do not fight for wages, jobs, wage guaranty in case of short-time, decent retirement payments, against the mine-closing, for better working conditions, healthcare and education. However none of these demands can be attained if the proletariat continues subordinated to the bourgeoisie, much less if the fascists are at large controlling through terror, half of the country.

Thus the bureaucracy leaves all the worker struggles isolated as that of the miners of Potosí against the closing of the mines; the railroad workers for the nationalization of that industry; the teachers and the educational and industrial workers for higher wages and against the layoffs all over the country. We have seen the overexploited miners in the private sector -like today the miners of the Himalaya occupy

the ECOBOL (the site of the ministry of communications) in La Paz together with their families, demanding their unpaid wages of 22 months and for their jobs, having to resist the attack of the MASist municipal officials.

To the policies of the class collaborationist leaderships who want to present worker candidates in the electoral slates of bourgeois MAS, the proletariat and its vanguard must counterpose the convening of an emergency congress of rank and file delegates of the COB voted in assemblies all over the country. From this congress, by defeating the class collaborationist leaderships, the unity of the workers ranks can be conquered, so that the proletariat will be able again to put its full weight as a class in the national political life.

To conquer bread, jobs, wages, education and health, land and hydrocarbons: Enough of

subordinating the workers and their fighting organizations to the bourgeoisie! It is imperative to break the subordination of the COB to the government of Evo Morales and to smash the fascists of the Media Luna! Out with the worker ministers from the government of the MAS! We have to defeat in the

streets, with the revolutionary independent mobilization of the proletariat and the poor peasants, the anti worker pact between Evo Morales and the fascists of the Media Luna! **Down with the anti-workers pact between Evo Morales and the fascists of the Media Luna!**

To fight against the "sliding scale of job suspensions, wage cuts and layoffs" of the class collaborationist leaderships, that Emergency Congress must posit: **For a sliding scale of wages and working hours!** For sharing all the working hours without wage reduction, so that all the workers can be put to produce, for the registration as permanent



workers of all the outsourced and casual industrial workers! **For a generalized wage increase on the basis of a basket of essential goods, with an index linked to the inflation! For a true nationalization of the hydrocarbons under workers control and without compensation!**

For the nationalization of all the mines without compensation, first of all Mount El Mutun, under workers control! Any self employed miner that does not exploit another miner, goes to work on the nationalized mines as a waged worker with all the same gains enjoyed by the waged miners! Occupation and workers control of any factory or mine that closes, fires or suspends personnel!

The poor peasants, in spite of having their "new constitution" have to suffer the "hiding" of the big rural property owners while they go on living without land, credits or tractors. It is imperative that we workers go back to demonstrate to our brothers and sisters, the poor peasants, that we are the class that can guarantee them their most cherished demands

We have to show them that we are ready to fight loyally and to the end for their demands, fighting for **Expropriation without compensation of all the land that is in the hands of the landowners, to give land to the peasants as the government of Morales -and its bourgeois constitution arranged between him and the transnationals- did not and will not give them anything! To give the peasants cheap credit: Expropriation without compensation of all the banks, for a unitary state bank (centralizing all banks) under workers control!**

But none of these demands will be concretized while the fascist threat goes on hanging unabated over our heads. **That emergency congress of rank and file delegates of the COB will have to set up immediately armed workers and peasants militias that can terrorize the cowardly cruceña oligarchy, not for the aims of the MAS, but to put on a war footing**

the entire proletariat and the poor peasants, retaking the road of 2003-2005, setting up again the COB of the '52 together with its armed militias. **Only through the setting up of armed workers and peasants militias and organizing rank and file soldiers' committees in the barracks, the murderous Bolivian army officers' caste will be destroyed and the fascists of the Media Luna, commanded by US imperialism will be defeated! Thus we will re-open the way to fight for a Workers and peasants' government based on the self organization and arming of the masses!** For imposing this course we have to retake and enforce the resolutions of the general assemblies of the Huanuni miners of July, 2008, that expelled Montes, Solares and Midma to the cry of "Traitors!" **Out with the class collaborationist leaderships from the COB and the FSTMB and all the local unions!**

To revenge the murder of all our martyrs of October and to judge their murderers, **let's set up popular and workers' tribunals!**

The denouement (complete success) of the class struggle in Bolivia is closely tied to the class struggle of the whole international proletariat. The Bolivian working class, its vanguard, has to have it very clear that the fight of the workers in Honduras against the coup is a fight of all the Latin American proletariat, because the coup is a threat from imperialism on the continent together with the imposition of the new military bases in Colombia. The emergency congress of the COB should raise the fight **for the revolutionary smashing of the dictatorship in Honduras! Hands off Honduras Obama and the murderous regime of the Republicrats, the UNO, the OAS and the rest of the institutions of the bloodthirsty imperialists! No pact with the coup-makers! Hands off Latin America, Obama and his butchers' regime! Out of Colombia the military US bases! Down with the UNASUR! Down with the counterrevolutionary pacts of the "Bolivarian" bourgeoisies that submit the**



proletarians to the massacres and offensives of imperialism! Down with the capitalist restoration in Cuba! It is a question of life and death that the Bolivian and Latin American proletarians break with the Bolivarian bourgeoisies and launch a determined and synchronized fight against the imperialist offensive and its military bases in the continent. If the Latin American proletariat puts itself at the head of this combat we will be preparing the conditions to defeat the fascists of the Media Luna.

FOR A NEW REVOLUTIONARY RE-GROUPMENT OF THE WORKER VANGUARD

FOR A REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP IN THE COB!

Decisive developments in the class struggle are in the works. The Bolivian proletariat has been paying a high price for the lack of an internationalist Trotskyist revolutionary leadership, while it is overwhelmed by a huge number of reformist and class collaborationist leaderships that are driving the working class towards a big catastrophe.

However, seeing this, sectors of the workers vanguard are resisting and readying their chests to fight the corrupt leaders. Thus a fraction of the rank and file miners in Huanuni rose against the resolution of the union that gave its political support to the MAS in the elections: also in the extended plenum of the miners in Potosí, the Bolívar mine and other sectors repudiated this policy of the Federation. Some sectors in the industrial workers are filled with hatred against the treason of their leaderships and are beginning to organize to fight against the class collaboration. Facing so many betrayals, the proletarian vanguard shaped and educated by the Pulacayo Theses, is now drawing lessons and regrouping to confront the betrayal. Those workers have been inside the living flames of the revolutionary



combats of 2003-2005. The Trotskyists of the LTI-FL-TI are already joining ranks with them, drawing together the necessary lessons and organizing in common to fight. It is a question of life and death for the working class to set up immediately a new revolutionary re-grouping of the workers vanguard that confronts the policy of the popular front, the bureaucracy of the COB and that concentrates the revolutionary lessons of the combats we have fought in October 2003 and May-June 2005, and that fights for smashing the fascists with the armed workers and peasants militia, as the only way to conquer the imperative demands of the exploited.

This new revolutionary re-groupment of the vanguard must be an internationalist fraction of the Bolivian proletariat forged with the lessons drawn from the betrayals of the reformist leaderships, of the defeats provoked by these leaderships, that as

the renegades of Trotskyism, have centralized their forces at an international level to support the class collaborationist bureaucracy of the COB and submit the proletariat to Evo Morales. Thus the Morenoite LIT (International Workers' League)

gathered together in Brazil the *En-cuen-tro La-ti-noa-me-ri-ca-no y Ca-ri-be-ño de tra-ba-ja-do-res* (ELAC) (Latin American and Caribbean Workers' Encounter) with the leadership of the Ve-ne-zue-lan UNT that backs Chavez; the leadership of the Haitian Central trade union; leaders of the Oakland-USA, longshoremen; the leadership of the Brazilian CON-LU-TAS and of some Peruvian, Colombian, Argentinean trade unions; and the leadership of the COB also attended. The aim of that encounter was to organize and deepen the submitting of the proletarians to the Bolivarian bourgeoisies. All these forces have concentrated to defeat the Bolivian proletariat.

Only a new revolutionary re-groupment of the vanguard will be able to give the COB a revolutionary leadership that the proletariat needs to put again in place for their revolution which has been hijacked by the bourgeoisie.



The renegades to Trotskyism have displayed and exposed their entire politics as a left wing of the bureaucracy, of vulgar reformists, impotent trade-unionists as the POR. The POR attended with its public leaders, the Huanuni miners' assembly and shut their mouths, remaining silent, leaving the bureaucracy a free hand to apply its class collaborationist policy, which is ultimately identical to that applied by the same POR in the '52 revolution and later on, throughout the Bolivian revolutionary history. There are also the renegades to Trotskyism as the LOR-CI and the MST (former LIT) in La Paz who are already posing their supposedly "anti-capitalist and socialist worker's front" with the same aim: submitting the working class to the coming election arranged hand in hand with the bourgeoisie; in this case their policy is a copycat of that of the Brazilian PT, from which emerged that (preventive) popular front government of Lula's. This policy differs in no way from that of Montes and Co.

The defence of the Pulacayo Theses has been left to the hands of the proletarian vanguard and the true principled Trotskyists. The class collaborationist bureaucracy and the renegades of Trotskyism of the likes of the POR and the LOR-CI are the left leg of the popular front in Bolivia and all over Latin America, as is shown by their attitude in the face of the Honduran coup, subordinating the workers and peasants' resistance to the policy of Obama and Zelaya, i.e., a counterrevolutionary pact with Micheletti ('Busheletti') and the "coup-makers", that is, a policy of a "democratic front".

Enough is enough! We call all the miners and the rest of the workers that resist against the policy of class collaboration designed by the FSTMB, SMTMH, CODs and CORs' leaderships headed by the bureaucracy of Montes and Co.; we call them to regroup our forces around the defence of the Pulacayo Theses, the historic program of the Bolivian

proletariat, a program that is still up-to-date and valid for our times, and which is a true tool for fighting against this popular front government and against the threat of the fascists of the Media Luna.

We Trotskyists of the LTI only ask to be in the frontline combating against these class collaborationist leaderships and fake Trotskyists of the likes of POR; we only ask to have the honour of giving the proletariat the revolutionary leadership that it needs and deserves, something that was lacking in the struggles of 2003 and 2005. But we warn the proletariat that the much-needed leadership cannot be a mere national leadership because we are confronting the forces of the international bourgeoisie and their agents in the ranks of our fighting organizations: the treacherous leaderships that are centralized at an international level to help defeat the masses.

Our working class will again be on their feet one and a thousand more times more; but the renegades of Trotskyism as the POR, will never more be able to lift their heads! The revolutionary, Trotskyist and internationalist party that the Bolivian working class needs and deserves will be re founded on the ruins of the renegades to Trotskyism, it will be built up, fighting to set up again the world party of the socialist revolution, which for us is the Fourth International as it was founded in '38 and whose program and legacy have proved to pass the test of the world class struggle. In order to achieve this essential task we internationalist Trotskyist have set up the Internationalist Leninist Trotskyist Fraction (FLTI) as a secure step towards re-establishing the general staff of the world revolution.

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